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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION SAIGON 2 MAY 73 REPEATED TO YOU

QUITE:

BIEN HOA 0104

SUBJ: DAILY MR 3 SITREP - 2 MAY 1973

E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS PINT MILI VC

1. MILITARY ACTIVITY IN MR3 WAS AT A VERY LOW LEVEL, WITH ONLY 10 INCIDENTS REPORTED: THREE ATTACKS BY FIRE (ABF), ONE GROUND CONTACT, AND SIX MINE INCIDENTS. THE SHELLING OF TON LE CHAM RANGER BASE CAMP WAS THE LIGHTEST SINCE THE SIEGE BEGAN, ONLY 53 ROUNDS OF MIXED 61 MM AND 82 MM MORTAR, WHICH KILLED ONE RANGER AND WOUNDED ANOTHER. NO ARTILLERY OR ROCKET FIRE WAS REPORTED. THE ONLY GROUND CONTACT REPORTED OCCURRED AT 0900 MAY 1 WHEN AN ESTIMATED COMPANY- SIZE FORCE ATTACKED ELEMENTS OF THE ARVN 48 TH INFANTRY REGIMENT NINE KILOMETERS NORTH OF DUC THANH DISTRICT TOWN, PHUOC TUY PROVINCE. KSRESULTS REPORTED BY THE MRME G-2 WERE THREE NVA KILLED AND NO ARVN CASUALTIES. MINE INCIDENTS WHILE RVNAF UNITS CONDUCTED SECURITY OPERATIONS WERE REPORTED IN LONG AN, TAY NINH, PHUOC LONG, BINH DUONG, AND BIEN HOA PROVINCES. TOTAL CASUALTIES REPORTED WERE TWO RVNAF KILLED, 12 RVNAF WOUNDED, NO NVA/ VC CASUALTIES.

2. ALL VIETNAMESE DEPUTY PROVINCE CHIEFS AND DEPUTY SECTOR
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COMMANDERS ARE CURRENTLY AT THE NATIONAL TRAINING CENTER AT
VUNG TAU FOR A WEEK- LONG (APRIL 30 - MAY 5) " POLITICAL SEMINAR."
AS WE REPORTED ON APRIL 10, FROM WHAT WE HAVE HEARD THE TRAINING
COURSES THAT HAVE BEEN HELD AT THE NATIONAL TRAINING CENTER DURING
THE PAST TWO MONTHS FOR EVERYONE FROM DEPUTY PROVINCE CHIEFS TO
VILLAGE RURAL DEVELOPMENT CADRES ARE INTENDED TO TEACH GRVN
OFFICIALS HOW TO RUN THE UPCOMING VILLAGE COUNCIL ELECTIONS,
AND ANY ELECTIONS WITH THE PRG THAT MIGHT RESULT FROM THE PARIS
NEGOTIATIONS.

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